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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

# NZ CURRICULUM

*Informing & Consulting with Parents*

## Key Competencies

WHAT SKILLS WE WANT  
OUR STUDENTS TO HAVE:

### The Competencies:

- 1. Thinking** (creative, critical, and logical thinking, metacognition, self awareness and reflection)
- 2. Participating and contributing** (contributing to communities)
- 3. Managing self** (making decisions for yourself including goal setting and planning)
- 4. Relating to others** (the knowledge skills attitudes and values necessary for working and interacting with others.)

### 5. Using language symbols and texts

(discovering of meaning through the discovery of cue and clues)

**Our next newsletter will continue extending our understanding of the new curriculum. We will look into teaching strategies (pedagogy).**



GIVE BODY TO THE DREAM!



## DEAR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

### What are the key competencies and why are they so important?

The key competencies include all the skills, knowledge, attitudes and values needed to do something - they integrate into all aspects of learning!

Key competencies are things all people need to know and be able to do in order to live meaningfully in, and contribute to, a well functioning society.

Our staff have been looking at these and how they will form an important part of our learning programmes we have been considering:

# What these might mean for our students and our school?

# Can we see opportunities within our current programmes and

practice for developing the key competencies?

# How might we teach and assess these?

It is important that the community take this opportunity to share their thoughts, ideas and expectations about the key competencies.

I have asked in your feedback to consider the following key points:

# what you think the important key competencies are for our students

# what is the most important statement of each key competency for you and your children

plus add any key skills which you believe have been omitted

Please complete the attached form and return to the school office

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